

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on January 31, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Custer
Rep. Lavin
Rep. Webber
Rep. Zolnikov

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 300, 1/24/2017; HB 301, 1/24/2017

HEARING ON HB 300

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:27 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 300, Exempt townhouses from certain subdivision sanitation regulations.

Proponents:

00:04:53 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association
00:05:56 Taylor Oldroyd, Montana Association of Realtors
00:06:32 Peggy Trenk, Montana Housing Coalition
00:07:17 Jeff Barber, Montana Association of Planners
00:07:38 Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses:

00:08:19 Barb Kingery, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:52 Rep. Dunwell
00:11:59 Barb Kingery, DEQ
00:12:33 Rep. Gunderson
00:13:37 Rep. A. Hertz
00:15:02 Rep. Fern
00:15:36 Rep. A. Hertz
00:16:23 Rep. Fitzgerald
00:17:04 Rep. A. Hertz
00:17:18 Barb Kingery, DEQ
00:17:28 Rep. Fitzgerald
00:19:59 Barb Kingery, DEQ
00:20:37 Rep. Mandeville
00:21:08 Barb Kingery, DEQ
00:21:40 Rep. Mandeville
00:22:10 Rep. A. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:19 Rep. A. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:23 Rep. Janet Ellis (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 301, Clarify that local governments can issue bonds for street maintenance projects.

Proponents:

00:28:22 Glenn Jorgensen, City of Helena
00:33:07 Rep. Custer joined the meeting
00:34:05 Benjamin Johnson, Barnes and Thornburg LLP
00:37:07 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
00:39:05 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, City of Glendive

00:40:14 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)

Opponents:

00:41:16 Andy Skinner, Self

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Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:15 Rep. Karjala
00:47:09 Glenn Jorgenson, City of Helena
00:47:43 Rep. Trebas
00:48:04 Glenn Jorgenson, City of Helena
00:48:55 Rep. Bishop
00:49:38 Glenn Jorgenson, City of Helena
00:50:09 Rep. A. Hertz
00:50:56 Glenn Jorgenson, City of Helena
00:51:27 Rep. A. Hertz
00:52:00 Rep. Abbott
00:52:24 Glenn Jorgenson, City of Helena
00:52:52 Rep. Mandeville
00:56:19 Tim Burton, MLCT
00:57:28 Rep. Fern
00:58:35 Tim Burton, MLCT
01:01:43 Rep. Gunderson
01:03:04 Glenn Jorgenson, City of Helena
01:03:21 Rep. Skees
01:07:45 Benjamin Johnson, Barnes and Thornburg LLP
01:09:01 Rep. Skees
01:09:31 Darryl James, MIC
01:10:44 Rep. Bishop
01:11:13 Benjamin Johnson, Barnes and Thornburg LLP
01:11:45 Rep. Usher
01:12:16 Rep. Ellis
01:12:41 Rep. Usher
01:13:26 Benjamin Johnson, Barnes and Thornburg LLP
01:14:33 Rep. Custer
01:15:12 Tim Burton, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:14 Rep. Ellis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:20:34

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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